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Lions International Youth Camps and Youth Exchange Program

PDG George Robison is leading the way! A meeting date has been set for an MD19 Youth Exchange Planning Meeting. It is a movement to reactivate this amazing program involving our youth with those around the world. Please let George know if you would like to be involved even if you can't attend this meeting.

The date - May 6, 2017

The time - 1:00 pm

Location - Lake Okanogan Resort, 2751 Westside Road, Kelowna, B.C. - Unit Number will be sent later; it has not yet been assigned by the resort.

For some of you that would be an overnight trip, George has a 3 bedroom 3 bath condo reserved that sleeps up to 8. Contact him if you would be interested in sharing the space. 253-853-2721
RSVP - George Robison, at 253-853-2721 or <mailto:georgerobison@centurytel.net>.

MD19 Centennial Program Grant

The MD19 Centennial Promotions grant, which was submitted to LCI last May, 2016, was approved by Lions Clubs International (LCI) and has been funded. To refresh memories: This is a \$13,500 grant for the promotion of the Centennial throughout the Multiple District and we used it for the purchase of pre-printed inserts (see below) for the sandwich boards that were distributed to the Lions and Lioness Clubs in 2015. The grant was submitted on the basis that the multiple district would provide 20% matching funds. That worked out to US \$300 from each District, which each of the districts approved and authorized to be paid from their District Escrow Accounts. After the purchase of the inserts, the remainder of the grant money is available for use by each district for District Centennial Projects of their choice.

FYI, even though the correct measurements were submitted to the company making the new centennial inserts, they were created larger than they should have been, so the clubs will need to cut them to the proper size to fit the A-Frames.

Each of the District Governors picked up the inserts at the MD19 Annual Convention in Spokane, WA, in October, 2016. If you do not have your insert please contact your District Governor for an estimated time of delivery.



Opportunity is Knocking

By PDG Bob Ayotte, MD19 Global Leadership Team

Knock, knock. *Who's there?*

Opportunity. *Opportunity What!*

Opportunity to be a Leader. *Well, come on in.*

When Opportunity comes knocking at our door, we should open the door and make Opportunity welcome. If Opportunity does not knock on your door, you should build a door on which it can happily knock.

How do you go about building that door? The first step is to start saying "Yes!" instead of "No!" when asked to serve. "Yes" is the pathway to Opportunity. What Opportunity have you recently said "Yes" to?

If your Opportunity is to manage a project for your Club, do you have all the necessary tools to accomplish the task? Do you have a commitment from your Club to assist you with this project? Do you have the necessary requisites, such as training, to succeed? On the LCI training website, there is a webinar on Project Management that you could attend. This would go a long way to giving you the tools needed for success.

If your Opportunity is to manage your personal growth as a Lion or a Leader in Lions, MD19 has prepared a Leader Development Program (formerly known as Leadership 101 and Membership 201), which is offered primarily in a face-to-face format. If your Opportunity is to hold office at the Club, Zone, District or Multiple District level, have you taken any training that has been offered to you?

There are many methods of taking Club Officer Training, starting with face-to-face training, which is offered at the zone or District level, organized

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Christmas Comes but Once a Year!

When Peace on earth inhabits a larger portion of our minds and Love causes us to reach out to others. Our Spirits become a little more generous and more of the world, for a twinkling of an eye, seems to understand the idea of "Serving Others". With the Lions around, it can be a wonderful time of year!

The MD19 Office Staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas

Michelle Shueva *Patty*

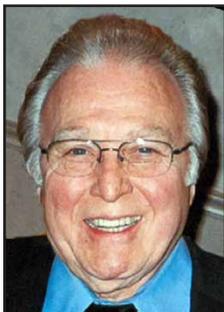


MD19 Council Chairperson Enoch Rowland



Happy Holidays

This Holiday is exceptionally special to me. My partner in life and service had surgery and is recovering well. All is going well for Bobbin with her new pace maker. She will be full of vim and vigor soon. It is heartwarming to me how many Lions have been supportive and concerned about Bobbin. After all we are one big family, we not only help others but we help each other.



This is the season for all Lions to do what they do best, feeding the homeless and poor, supplying clothes to those who need them, and helping to find shelter for the homeless and toys for the children. After all, we are the largest service organization in the world and we work hard at helping others.

Remember the Spring Ahead Campaign. As all of you know this is to increase membership in March, 2017. Start planning for that now at your clubs, as it takes time to get things going. You can go on the MD19 website and pull down the membership *Open House*. Use your smart goals. Click on "Growth" on the MD19 website or [get the form here](#).

The Region Progress and Planning Meetings were held November 19th. I have heard good remarks about these meetings. There was a great deal of communication and sharing one district to another.

I look forward to seeing you at your District Spring Conferences.



Bobbin and I wish you all
a very Merry Christmas!



2016 Leo Club Excellence Awards

There are over 6,500 Leo Clubs worldwide. For LY2015-2016, only 55 (less than 1%) of these clubs earned the Leo Club Excellence Award. Two of those 55 clubs are right here in MD19: the NK Vikings Leo Club (19-C) and Kwantlen Park Leo Club (19-H). Kwantlen Park has earned this award four years in a row! WOW!

Use the Centennial Service Challenge to Drive Membership

By Jan Weatherly, Governor, District 19-C



We have heard it for years; we need more members. Yet we are not responding with action. Drops exceed adds, the year ends with a net loss and clubs fold as weary Lions burn out. That's a rather pessimistic message, especially if we continue to do the things that don't work. Adding members to bolster club numbers does not fix the problem if we can't keep them committed. We need to add members to meet a burning need in the community. People will come when they see their values reflected in the work we do. So let's shift the focus to service and use the Centennial Service Challenge to attract members of like mind.



With four very broad service areas included in the Centennial Service Challenge - **Vision, Youth, Hunger, and Environment** - how can you miss a person's interest or a community's need?

Start by trying this approach. Invite potential new Lions to a service project your club has organized AND needs more help to complete. Three things will happen: (1) the guest sees you in action serving others, (2) your club gets needed help for people in danger of burning out as we try to do the same amount of work each year with fewer members, and (3) you get a chance to get to know the person better to evaluate if they are a good fit for your club.

Remember to **Lead Through Service**. By working side by side with someone driven by a cause that meets a community need, we can better establish a relationship with that potential new Lion. Then **Invite for Impact**. Each new Lion expands our outreach potential to 70 people in need. Heck, that's a huge impact but also think about the impact on your club. New members add spirit to a club. They reinforce the value of our work. When a person says "Yes, I want to join you", it validates you and where you choose to give your gift of time, which is so much more precious than money when it comes to serving others.

Use the Centennial Service Challenge to help focus your club's service projects, introduce potential new members to our Lions' Heart for Service, and invite them to join the largest humanitarian service organization in the world. Your new member will be recognized with a Centennial membership pin, you will be recognized as a Centennial sponsor, and your club will grow, increasing your impact. A triple win!

Governor Jan joined the Olympia Host Lions Club in 1999, where she has held numerous positions. At the District level she has been a Guiding Lion and been very active at the Multiple District level. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow, and one of the Founders of Camp Leo and the Washington Association of Diabetes. She and her hubby, Art, have two children and five grandkids



Leo of the Year Nominations Due to Your Governor February 1st

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Leo Chair

The Leo of the Year Award recognizes the importance of the youngest members of our Lions family, those who will make lifelong commitments and become our leaders in the future. In years past, we have had too few nominated for this award, not because there were few worthy candidates, but rather because insufficient attention was paid to the award and to the nominating process at the Club and District levels. This year we want to change that. We would like nominations to be submitted for Leos in every single district.

District Leo Chairpersons and all Leo Advisors need to download the "LEO OF THE YEAR" award form from the Lions International website (lionsclubs.org) ASAP so that they have time the requisite Club, District and MD19 endorsements.

Click here to download the form

1. The first step is for the Leo Club Advisor to fill out the downloaded form, print it and sign it. This signed Nomination Form must be received by the District Governor by February 1st.
2. From the nominees submitted to the Governor by the individual Leo Clubs, a screening committee which should include the District Governor and the District LEO Chairperson, will select one nominee as the District Leo of the Year Recipient. This District Leo of the Year would be recognized and honored at your District Spring Conference/Convention. This Leo has been selected as the top Leo in your District for that year.
Once selected, the Nomination Form for the District's Leo of the Year must be sent to the MD19 Office by the District Governor after he/she has signed the form. The form must be received in the MD19 office on or before March 1st. **Please Note:** Governors, if you email the completed, signed form to the MD19 Office and do not receive a confirmation email back from Theresa, please call the office to make sure that the email and form have been received. The MD19 Office email address is lionsmd19.com, the mailing address is 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226.
3. A screening committee (See MD19 Contests and Awards Book) will select the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee from all of the District nominees that have been submitted to the MD19 Office. Once selected, the nomination Form for the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee will be signed by the MD19 Council Chairperson and mailed by the MD19 Office to Lions Clubs International to be received by LCI on or before April 1st.

The Multiple District 19 Leo of the Year recipient will be recognized at the MD19 Annual Convention each year in October. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to contact me at barryshiles@dccnet.com.

Call for Leo News

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Leo Chair

It would be great if our Leos or their Advisors from all over the multiple district could send in stories and pictures to let all of MD19 know how Leos are serving. We want to generate enough service stories to populate a regular Leo column in the *Border Crossing*. Your contributions don't have to be literary gems. We have an editor who will make your writing look great. Please send your news and your questions to me at barryshiles@dccnet.com.

Last year we chartered five new Leo Clubs and hope to continue this growth over the next few years. But we need more Lions to step forward and get involved with Leos both at the Club and District levels. Leos are the future of Lions and the more Leos we have the more Service we can provide.

Here's a Leo Club story that will be sure to inspire you to more service. It's the kind of story we hope other Leo Clubs will send in with pictures for the *Border Crossing*. In October, 25 members from the **Earl Marriot and Kwantlen Park Leos**, along with the **Surrey Central Lions Club**,

their sponsoring Lions Club, fed the homeless at a seated dinner (seen right). The Leos raised the funds to pay for the dinner that cost over \$450.00 and fed 240 appreciative people. The Leos set up the equipment, cooked all the food, and served every person at their seats. After the dinner, they stayed to clean up, washing all the dishes and cooking utensils. The dignity and service they gave to the homeless was truly special.



The Leo members were so enthusiastic about the project that they asked their sponsors when they could do it again. The next opportunity came on October 30th. They repeated the project feeding 200 homeless folks this time. A hot hamburger, two salads, coffee and dessert doesn't sound like much until the staff at the Mission explains that their clients don't usually get dinner served to them at the table.

Leos' energy is infectious. They lead the way with their enthusiasm, earning service hours by helping the Lions in their projects in addition to working their own Leo projects. Their youthful energy gives a boost to older Lions whose physical abilities are getting tired. Sponsoring a Leo Club is a win/win situation. Lions provide a little guidance and Leos provide a whole lot of youthful energy and vivaciousness. Try it, you'll like it!

Congratulations go out to the **NK Vikings Leo Club** at North Kitsap High for winning a **Lions International Excellence Award**, to their sponsors the Poulsbo Lions, and to their Leo Advisor, Karl Ostheller. Leos ROCK!



Lioness News October/November, 2016

by Linda Shaffrick, MDLL

By now all clubs are in the swing of things, keeping busy and preparing for the holiday season. Unfortunately, some clubs have not forwarded reports to me; hopefully, by the next *Border Crossing* we will have reports from all our clubs.

Kelowna D-7 Donations: \$8,600

These ladies volunteered 511 hours at the hospital, Freedom's Door, the Community Theater, kids triathlon, Terry Fox Run, cancer and blood donor clinics, Safety Village, Seniors Homes, and Days for Girls. They also quilted baby quilts and knitted for Romania.

They attended the Lioness Cabinet meeting at Camp Winfield and the Camp Winfield Improvement meeting, where Lioness Roberta Withers was elected Chairperson.



Donations went out to Camp Winfield, Freedom's door, Salvation Army, a Women's Shelter, and the Gospel Mission (seen left). They will be busy making up Christmas Cookie platters to raise funds.

Moses Lake D-5 Donations \$4,475

Ever busy, these ladies logged 254 volunteer hours at the Boys & Girls Club Auction, City Quilters, Power Partners of Grant Count, Grant County Fair, Adopt-a-Block clean up, Art & Wine Walk, and the PTA Book Fair.

Donations went out to Columbia Basin Allied Arts, New Hope Domestic Violence, Habitat for Humanity, Warming Center (blankets), the Foster Kids Holiday



Party, and Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys & Girls Club, where (seen above) desert mayhem was narrowly avoided. Rumor has it that there were a couple of Space Burgers hiding amongst the apple pies that encouraged rebellious behaviour amongst the servers. They also prepared a special Space Burger meal for the employees of Chico's Pizza to acknowledge the support Chico's has given them over the years.

They welcomed a new member, Sherry Dompler, seen here with sponsor Frogg McMains. Look at Sherry's SMILE; this is one happy Lioness!



Oliver D-9 Donations: \$825

The Oliver Lioness are back working in the arena concession each weekend with their sponsoring Lions, and are making muffins and delivering hot lunches to elementary schools. They volunteered 282 hours at the Art Show, Cash & Keg, the Garlic Festival, and the Festival of the Grape. They also helped raise funds to cover medical expenses for a family, registered folks at the mammography van, made holiday tray favours for senior homes and the hospital, filled shoe boxes for third world countries, and worked at the Fireman's Banquet. They are also selling Lions Christmas cakes to raise money for Timmy's Telethon.

They attended the Lioness Cabinet meeting, the Camp Winfield Improvement meeting, and the Lions Zone meeting.

Parksville I-7 Donations: \$4,100

This group held their annual Christmas Craft Fair, and a Luncheon and Bake sale. Catered another luncheon and will be catering a turkey dinner for seniors from the Lions Housing at Pioneer Village and Hustwick Place using funds provided by the Parksville Lions.

Donations have gone out to Salvation Army Christmas Program, Soup Kitchen, Food Bank and for Victims Services. They are also looking forward to inducting a new member in January.

Port McNeill I-6

The Port McNeill Lioness held a successful garage sale, catered several events and produced their Christmas showcase with all tables rented.

Congratulations to the club on receiving a thank-you plaque from the Lions Foundation of Canada. To date, they have donated \$12,000 to the Guide Dog program.

Priest River E-11 Donations: \$300

Priest River held its annual bake sale, which included "Better than Sex Cake". Donations went to Sight and Hearing. They also sponsored the annual Fall Craft Fair, seen below, with many vendors, where



they also sold boxes of apples. Finally, they celebrated their Charter on November 9th.

Sooke District I-2 Donations: \$100

These ladies held an Octoberfest celebration to benefit the Santa Sack program, which provides Christmas for about 40 very needy families. They worked at the food bank and the Flu Clinic, and made donations to the Poppy fund and CARE.

South Cariboo D-1 Donations: \$600

The South Cariboo Lioness held their annual Shopping Spree raffle and have been selling Lions Christmas Cakes. Members attended the Remembrance Day services and have written Christmas cards to troops overseas, an annual project. They have donated to the White Cane Club to purchase a magnifier and to the Loaves and Fishes food bank.

Toledo G-4



This club hosted its first ever Chili Cook-Off and gathered evergreens and other plants (seen left) to make holiday garlands, which will be used

to decorate the Toledo Senior Center.

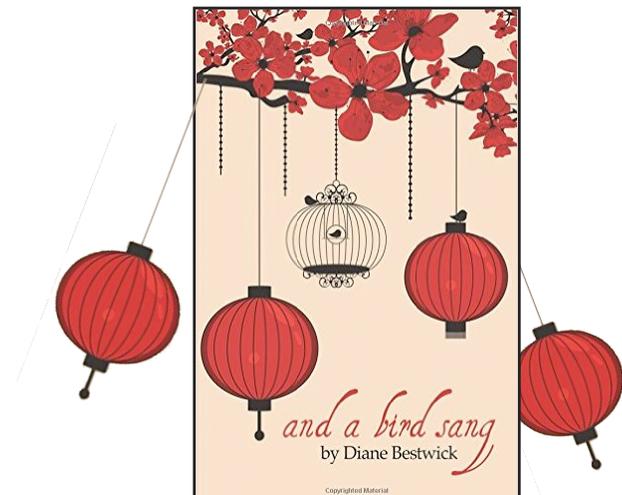
Vancouver Chinatown A-1

The Vancouver Chinatown Lioness entered a team in "Light the Night" walk and raised \$6,307, exceeding their fundraising goal by more than \$2,000.

Victoria Chinatown I-2

Lioness members proudly celebrated their 25th anniversary. Their focus is helping women and children in need.

They held their guest author banquet with author Diane Bestwick - she told her story of living in China and the motivation to write her book "And a Bird



Sang" (book cover above). All profits from the sales of Diane's book go to post operative foster homes in China. They also held a Dumpling Raffle that raised over \$400 for the 1Up Single Parent Resource Center and C-Fax Miracle on Broad Street.

Westbank D-7 Donations \$2,645

Westbank volunteered 426 hours picking up eyeglasses, and helping at the Christmas bazaar and thrift shop. They also made memory books for people in care homes.

They attended the Fall Cabinet meeting at Camp Winfield and the Westbank Lions Pumpkin Dinner, where they joined their sponsoring Lions for DG Wanda's visit.

Held a successful Grey Cup fundraiser, and made donations to the Alzheimer's society, high school

bursaries and the food bank.

Williams Lake D-10 Donations: \$2,250

The Williams Lake Lioness volunteered 61 hours at the Red Cross Equipment Centre, and a clothing sale and a pancake breakfast for seniors, and will once again be helping with the Salvation Army Kettles.

They held a successful Harvest Auction and gave donations to Hospice Memory Tree, the Salvation Army and the Gavin Lake camp for school children, as seen below.



All of our MD19 Lioness would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

Remember We Serve Too!

Spring Ahead Membership Drive

What Is It?

The Spring Ahead Membership Drive is a 2017 project that will ask each Lions Club in MD19 to hold a membership event during the week prior to the start of Daylight Savings Time (Sunday, March 12, 2017).

Why should my club participate?

Almost all Lions Clubs will benefit from new members. More members equal more service. New members bring new energy, new talents and new ideas.

Also, participating clubs have the opportunity to win some great prizes. We will send more prize information in the coming months.

So what do we do next?

1. Plan a membership event for any day during March 5 - 11, 2017. You can plan an open house, contact potential members at a community event, or provide your local businesses with membership applications.
2. Send an email to MD19 Public Relations Chairperson Kathy Crawford at katmc@live.com to let us know that you are going to participate. We will share the names of clubs that plan to participate.

The MD19 Membership Manual includes a complete Open House manual. This is a proven method for holding an open house. We encourage you to follow the manual and avoid taking short cuts. Here's a link to the manual: <http://www.lionsmd19.com/manuals/2016%20Membership%20and%20Open%20House%20manual.pdf>.

The following link takes you to an LCI website page where you will find a lot of ideas and resources for gaining new members: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/index.php>.





Faces of an MD19 Convention 1. Strides Walk 2. Great Party Friday Night 3. 15-16 CARE Donations presented 4. Int'l. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation 5. I'll Huff and I'll Puff 6. The Costume Winner 7. A Leadership Medal 8. So many raffle choices 9. Intro of Bobbin 10. Awesome DJ for Dancing 11. CC Nominations 12. Council Meeting 13. Dangerous Dudes 14. C&A Report 15. Face of Fun 16. Great Hats 17. 19-C Lions enjoy the delicious food 18. Lions protect environment 19. 19-G Banner 20. "Oh, Say Can You See ..". 21. Spring Ahead Membership discussion.

Convention Vests & Hats

Register now to save money in registration fees. When you register, mark that you want to stay in your delegation hotel - Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. Price is \$149.00 plus tax. MD19 Hospitality Room will be in this hotel.

Plan to march in the Convention Parade if possible. A FUN experience that makes you proud to be a Lion! Lots of pictures taken of the MD19 Uniform!

If you can't borrow one of the new MD19 vests, you can purchase or rent it. You can also purchase your official MD19 cowboy hat now. Both are in the MD19 Office in Bellingham. We can't mail the hat, but IF YOU ORDER and pay for uniform **BEFORE YOUR CONFERENCE**, we will bring to your District Conference. Contact the MD19 Office today (md19lions@lionsmd19.com) and place your order. [Click on here to get the order form](#). You must have the Official cowboy hat and vest to march in the International Convention Centennial Parade.

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Winter Council of Governors' Meeting

Saturday - February 18, 2017 8:30 am West Langley Hall, 9402-208th Street, Langley, B.C.
Pre-Council Meeting same location on Friday night, February 17th 7:30-9:00 pm.

Hotel Rooms: Reservation Deadline: January 17, 2017. Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 8750-204th Street, Langley, B.C. To reserve a room, call 604-882-2000 and mention "MDL" to receive the Lions rate in the MD19 Lions room block. You may also reserve on line from the room block by visiting www.hiexpress.com/langleybc.

The Lions rate for this event is \$105.00 Canadian Funds plus applicable taxes for a single or Double Standard Two Queen Bed Room. If you would like to reserve a King Bed Room, it will be an additional \$12.00 per room or \$117.00 Canadian Funds plus taxes. Check-in is 3:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am. Guest Room Rate includes: complimentary hot breakfast buffet, high-speed wireless internet, and parking.

Meal Registration Form: deadline - Monday, February 13, 2017

Name: _____

Current Office: _____ **Dist. / Zone:** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **Prov./State:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Life Threatening Allergies: _____



Council Lunch (Complimentary for Council Members & Parliamentarian) \$15.00 Can/\$12.00 U.S. Funds for Lions who are not members of the Council. Lunch will be Soup and Sandwich Buffet with Desserts, Coffee or Tea.

Number of Complimentary Lunches ordered _____

Number of Luncheon Meals to be purchased _____ @ \$15.00 Can or \$12.00 US each

Amount Enclosed for purchased lunches \$ _____ Canadian Funds/U.S. (Circle One)

Please complete this form and send with a check made out to "MD19 Lions" for each luncheon ticket purchased OR complete the form below with your credit card information and send to MD19 Lions, 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226. Credit Card Charges will be in U.S. Funds. Forms with Credit Card information may be emailed to md19lions@lionsmd19.com. Please check Credit Card Type Visa Master Card

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ / _____

Deadline for meal reservations - Received in MD19 Office on or before February 13th

Lions and Kids: A Winning Work Combination

By Nancy Messmer, MD19 Environment Chairperson

Two recent service projects demonstrate that Lions Clubs who partner with youth groups “protect our environment” and “engage our youth”, thus helping our communities and meeting Centennial Goals.

North Delta Lions Rain Garden Planting. North Delta Lions, B.C., worked with high school students to plant a rain garden at the North Delta Recreation Centre this fall. They were part of a work group assembled by a Rain Gardens Coordinator and Senior Environmental Advisor for the Corporation of Delta. Working as part of an ongoing project coordinated by agency staff enabled the Lions to make positive contributions to a lasting installation in their community.



District B Lions Maintain Cedar Trees. District B Lions in Washington invited Boy Scouts of Troop 80, led by Scoutmaster Brian Keaton, to help maintain cedar trees at Discovery Park in Seattle.

The trees were planted five years ago, after the Seattle LCI Convention in which international District Governors potted the cedar seedlings and pledged to plant trees around the world. Half of the trees were planted in Seattle and half were planted in Puyallup. District B Lions take care of the Seattle trees and District C Lions gather twice annually to work on the Puyallup trees while also restoring the surrounding watershed.

This fall, on a rainy Seattle Saturday, Lions and Boy Scouts worked with Susan Yi of Seattle Parks to free the Cedar trees from the tall grasses and blackberry bushes that continually try to suffocate them. They



spread mulch around each one and planted replacement trees where needed. District Governor Mar Murillo led the effort and the Seattle Bituin Lions provided snacks (photo above).

Both the North Delta Lions and the District B Lions increased the effectiveness of their work by partnering with youth groups and agency staff. They embody the motto “Many hands make a load lighter.”

19-A Lions Donate 66k to Eye Center

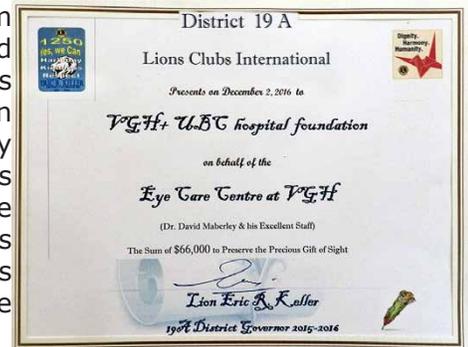
By IPDG Eric R. Keller, District 19-A

On December 5th, IPDG Eric Keller, District Project Chair PDG Shella Keung, 19-A DG Simon Yau, 2nd VDG Kenneth Liu and A-7 ZC Hans Wong delivered 19-A’s 2015/2016 fundraising proceeds to the Vancouver General Hospital and University of British Columbia’s joint Eye Care Centre, as shown below.



They were warmly received by Dr. David Maberley, Department Head of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, Hospital Foundation Carmen Cheung and other VIPs, who were delighted to receive this generous donation of \$66,000, the results of an amazing fund raiser and a matching grant from LCIF.

These funds are being applied to the purchase of a state-of-the-art Laser Retinopexy System to surgically repair small tears and detachments in the eye. This advanced system is also portable, which allows difficult eye surgeries to be conducted in hospitals throughout British Columbia. This is important because patients suffering from retinal damage should be moved as little as possible before and in the days immediately after surgery. This was a very positive and successful Lions project. Our famous Helen Keller would be pleased!



MD19 LIONS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Who We Are

We are the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation

What We Do

- We provide funding for training in service and leadership development
- We sell scarves and ties to help raise funds
- We ask Lions Clubs in MD19 for donations to help further our mission

If you would like to know more about us, check out our website at:

www.lionsleadershipfoundation.org

People learn to lead because they care about something. —Charlotte Bunch

CLERC – LERC in Canada

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Canadian CLERC Chairperson



CLERC is the Canadian equivalent of LERC in the USA. Unlike LERC, which has several processing facilities, including one in Washington (NWLERC), Canada has only a single facility located in Calgary ([click here to visit CLERC](#)). Being centralized has some real advantages. For example, you can search for eyeglass drop locations in any community across Canada and pull up a map with locations and addresses. However, there are also some big disadvantages, chief of which is transporting eyeglasses from distant places such as British Columbia.

In Canada, MD19 has a long history of supporting CLERC. Shipments of glasses are annually in excess of 50,000. Recently, we have faced two significant shipping problems. Support for shipping in the metro Vancouver region was recently lost and has only just been regained. We now have a shipper, who wishes to remain anonymous, who will ship our glasses to Calgary for free.

In addition, District 19-I (Vancouver Island) has had a significant problem getting collected glasses to Vancouver for transshipment to Calgary. We are in the final stages of arranging for free shipping through a very generous carrier, who will ship pallet loads (7 to 20 apple boxes) of our glasses for free on a space available basis. Operational and scheduling details will soon be made available

Eyeglass collection is still the easiest project Lions do and serves people all over the world. It also keeps us in contact with the public, building the reputation of our clubs. If you have never been on an eyesight mission abroad, you should consider going. It's more than worth it to watch the expressions on the faces of people who can see their world clearly for the first time in their lives.

If your club needs collection boxes, please contact me at barryshiles@dccnet.com, or speak with your District Governor, Zone Chair, or CLERC Chair. Boxes are free, provided by CLERC in Calgary. By the way, it takes a lot of money to operate CLERC and they would be pleased to receive a donation from your Club. [Visit their website for further information.](#)

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and reported by your District's GLT. Another method is through on-line MD19 modules offered through your District's GLT. Both are very acceptable forms of training. Please contact your District's GLT for further information.

For Zone Chairperson training, MD19 is offering an intensive training school May 25-27, 2017, for Zone Chairs Elect at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. A secondary method (not recommended) is offered by LCI through its website. This is much shorter and much less complete than the MD19 offering.

Annual Convention Election Results - Spokane, WA October 22, 2016

The following Officers were elected and Candidates endorsed:

1. VCC Jon Whitman elected as Council Chairperson, 2017-2018
2. Joanne Phillips elected by the Canadian Delegates as the Lions Foundation of Canada (Guide Dogs) Provincial Director for B.C. and Yukon Territories.
3. PCC Alan Hunt was endorsed as a candidate for International Director, 2018-19 and 2019-20

The following MD19 Constitution & By-Laws Amendments took effect immediately at the close of the Annual Convention. To view the updated C&BL go to the MD19 website www.lions-smd19.com/Constitution & By-laws NEW:

1. Amendments related to Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Conventions and Constitution Amendments

ARTICLE IV Officers SECTION 3.

ARTICLE I "BL" Election of Multiple District Officers and Voting on Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws, SECTIONS 5 & 9

ARTICLE VIII "BL" Zone Chairperson, Vice District Governor, District Governor, Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson, SECTION 3

2. Amendments related to Convention Financing
ARTICLE IV "BL" Convention Financing, SECTIONS 1 & 2

3. Amendments related to election of District Officers
ARTICLE IV Officers, SECTIONS 10 & 11
ARTICLE XIII "BL" District Operations, SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 11

4. Amendments related to Housekeeping Items
ARTICLE V Multiple District Council of Governors, SECTION 3 & SECTION 6
ARTICLE VI Conventions, SECTIONS 3, 7, 10 & 16
ARTICLE VII Finance, SECTION 2
ARTICLE VIII Amendments, SECTIONS 1 & 2
ARTICLE II "BL" Duties of Officers, SECTION 5
ARTICLE VII "BL" (Removal)
ARTICLE XII "BL" Amendments, SECTION 2

Leadership continued

As for District Officer training, MD19 is offering an intensive training school for Vice-District Governors Elect and District Governors Elect at the same time and location as the Zone Chairpersons Elect training. This is face-to-face training in a school format.

What's next for you? When Opportunity knocks, please have the welcome mat out; open the door and let Opportunity in.

Additional Zone Chairperson Excellence Recipient, 2015-2016

Russ Biggam, Moscow Central Lions Club, F-7

**Annual Convention List
of Winners & Runner-Ups
Spokane, WA ~ October 21-22, 2016**

5-Minute Achievement

Runner-Up: Jim Terrell, Orchards Evergreen Lions, G-2
Winner: Jane Beddows, Sooke Harbourside, I-2

Club Brochure

Runner-Up: Orchards Evergreen Lions, G-2
Winner: Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions, D-3

Leo Brochure

Winner: Kamloops Leos, D-8

Club Bulletin

Runner-Up: Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions, D-3
Winner: Bellingham Harborview Lions, H-1

Club Business Card

Runner-Up: Bremerton Central Lions, C-4
Winner: Hazel Dell Lions, G-2

LEO Business Card

Winner: Kamloops Leos, D-8

Club Inspiration

Runner-Up: Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions, H-6
Winner: Alberni Valley Lions, I-7

Club Membership

Runner-Up: Guildford Lions, H-5
Winner: Mount Rainier Lions, C-5

Club Scrapbook (Traditional)

Runner-Up: Port Orchard Lions, C-4
Winner: Vancouver Pacific Lions, A-1

Club Scrapbook (Non-Traditional)

Winner: Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions, D-3

Club Website

Runner-Up: Alberni Valley Lions, I-7
Winner: Rathdrum Lions, E-3

Convention Attendance

Runner-Up: Burien Lions, B-5
Winner: Liberty Lake Lions, E-9

Musical Comedy

Winner: Ginger Shields, Poulsbo Noon Lions, C-4

Musical Performance

Runner-Up: Lana Zabreznik, Wenatchee Lions, D-2
Winner: Ron Berod, Esquimalt Lions, I-2

Humorous Story

Runner-Up: Dorothy Nilles, Leavenworth Lions, D-2
Winner: Helen Sutfin, Fort Vancouver Lions, G-2

Uniform Parade

Runner-Up: Sooke Harbourside Lions, I-2
Winner: Longview Pioneer Lions, G-2

Visitation-50 members or less

Runner Up: Sumner Lions, C-3
Winner: Fife Lions, C-3

Visitation-over 50 members

Runner Up: Renton Lions, B-5
Winner: Bellingham Harborview Lions, H-1

Zone Chairperson Newsletter

Runner-Up: Sharon Sikes, Lacey Sunrise Lions, C-6
Winner: Jane Beddows, Sooke Harbourside Lions, I-2

Leo of the Year Award

Madison Colvin, Leavenworth Leos, D-2

Environmental Photo

John Kirry, Gig Harbor Lions, C-1

Trading Pin

Ray Fujiura, Sunnyside Lions, F-2

Peace Poster

Taylyn Diessner, Sponsored by Shelton Lions, C-2

Secretary of the Year

Runner Up: Tom Latter, Aldergrove Lions, H-3
Winner: Bill Shepherd, Yakima West Valley, F-1

Zone Chairperson of the Year, up to 8 clubs

Runner Up: Wayne Atkinson, Westbank Lions, D-7
Winner: Stephen Kirkham, Kettle River Lions, D-9

Zone Chairperson of the Year, 9 or More clubs

Runner Up: Jane Beddows, Sooke Harbourside, I-2
Winner: Bob Johnson, Fife Lions, C-3

Lioness of the Year

Anne Scott, Sooke District Lioness, I-2

MD19 Distinguished Service Award

Nancy Messmer, Clallum Bay Sekiu Lions, I-1

Langley Lions Give \$8,200 to Langley Christmas Bureau

By Alnasir (Nash) Shivji, President, Langley Lions

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the Langley Lions Club presented a check for \$8,200 to the Langley Christmas Bureau. Over the last five years the Langley Lions Club has donated more than \$50,000 to the Christmas Bureau (below).



Each year at this time, for the four weekends before Christmas, members and friends of the Langley Lions volunteer more than 250 hours to the Christmas Kettles Project. They collect donations from the good people of greater Langley and present these funds to the Christmas Bureau the following November to jumpstart their program for that year. The Langley Lions Club members will be at the Willoughby Save-On-Foods and the Brookwood Buy-Low Foods stores this year collecting funds for the 2017 Christmas Season.

"There's nothing like the feeling of giving back and helping neighbors in need," said President Nash Shivji. "We encourage anyone interested in helping make a difference to visit us at one of our two locations. We will also be giving away 'Magic Reindeer Dust' to the children so that they can help Santa's reindeer find their homes."

To learn more about the Christmas Kettle Project or the Langley Lions' activities, contact them at info.LangleyLions@gmail.com or by visiting their web site at www.langleylions.ca. The club meets at 6:30 PM on the first and third Thursday of each month at the West Langley Hall.

CLUB CANCELLATIONS
VANCOUVER PACIFIC NEW CENTURY A-1



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LIONS SPECIAL MEETING CHANGES

CHILLIWACK MT. CHEAM H-6
Tue. Dec. 27th Cancelled

KELSO G-1

1st Mondays in Jan./ Feb./ Mar. Cancelled

MOUNT VERNON H-2

Thurs. Dec 15th Cancelled

PORT COQUITLAM H-5

Tue. Dec. 20th Cancelled

PUYALLUP C-3

Wed. Dec. 28th Cancelled

LIONS MEETINGS

COMOX VALLEY I-5
12:00 PM
1st Tuesday
White Spot Restaurant
2299 Cliffe Ave.
Courtenay

HWY 24 INTERLAKES D-10

7:00 PM

KELSO G-1

Presbyterian Church
215 Church St.

SPANAWAY PARKLAND C-5

American Legion Hall Post #2
11204 Park Ave. South
Tacoma (Parkland)

ZONE CHAIRPERSONS

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UPDATE: Executive Secretary-Treasurer Patty Allen to Retire

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Patty Allen has announced that she will be retiring in the fall of 2017. **Contrary to some information that has been circulated, the final selection HAS NOT been completed.**

The MD 19 By-Laws state that the following steps will take place as we search for her replacement.

A committee of 4 Council members and the Council Chairman, shall be formed to screen and select a possible replacement. *(Accomplished in February of 2015)*

All clubs in the Multiple District shall be advised of the impending vacancy in the M D Border Crossing. *(Accomplished during 1st quarter of 2015-2016 Lions year)*

The position will be advertised in the Border Crossing and District newsletters, with an established deadline for response. *(Notification in May-June, 2016 Border Crossing, and July-August, 2016 Border Crossing, with a deadline of 31 August, 2016).*

Screening and Selection of possible Candidates. *(Accomplished in October of 2016)*

Result of Screenings by committee presented to Council Chairman for final selection by Council of Governors at Winter Council meeting. *(This will take place in Langley, BC in February, 2017)*

If you have any questions, you may direct them to PCC Gary Reidel.

Roaring with Thanks! The MD19 Annual Convention Committee and especially PDG Ken Cook, Raffle Chairperson, want to THANK ALL OF THE **GENEROUS** LIONS CLUBS AND LIONS who donated the wonderful raffle prizes / gift baskets to support the 2016 MD19 Annual Convention in Spokane, WA. Over \$3,000 was raised because of your generosity. MD19 Lions are the best!



Reuse Projects: Where there's a need, there's a Lion

By Nancy Messmer, MD19 Environment Chairperson

Quesnel Lions, 35 members strong, help their British Columbia community reuse items in a big way. Because their local mall is almost empty, they pay low rent for space. They hold garage sales on the last Saturday of every month (seen below). Quesnel Lions normally have three store fronts and bring their



counter, bookrack and other goods out into the mall concourse. They also have a Christmas store that is open from October 29th until Christmas. They receive a lot of Christmas goods over the summer from other garage sales and store them for their October opening. Last year, the Christmas store brought in \$1,200. The Lions support many community efforts with the money they raise. In addition, the garage sales are a terrific way to reuse and redistribute items. It takes a lot of continuous labor and energy to run rummage stores and garage sales. Across our Multiple District 19, many Lions Clubs promote reusing and recycling in similar ways. The Lions fill a big need through this service.

Camp Leo

November 14 is World Diabetes Day! In addition to planning projects such as Lions Strides activities, diabetes screenings and healthy cooking demonstrations, take a moment to [watch and share this video](#) about Camp Leo. Now in its 25th year, the Lions are a big part of making Camp Leo happen every year – allowing children with Type 1 diabetes to manage their diabetes while having a fun summer experience. Consider sponsoring a child to attend a local diabetes camp!



Percentages of WMMRs received and SARs completed for the month of November, and First Half dues paid for 2016-2017

| | WMMRs | SARs | Dues Pd. |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 19-A | 67% | 45% | 71% |
| 19-B | 56% | 39% | 85% |
| 19-C | 91% | 72% | 86% |
| 19-D | 70% | 47% | 83% |
| 19-E | 75% | 52% | 83% |
| 19-F | 85% | 56% | 89% |
| 19-G | 61% | 54% | 85% |
| 19-H | 96% | 64% | 96% |
| 19-I | 94% | 63% | 94% |

Clubs Over 100 for November, 2016

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|
| G 1 | LONGVIEW-PIONEER | 146 |
| H 7 | COUPEVILLE | 128 |
| E 1 | SPOKANE CENTRAL | 107 |
| D 2 | WENATCHEE-CENTRAL | 104 |
| H 1 | BELLINGHAM CENTRAL | 104 |

Memorials for October, 2016

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| A 1 | Vancouver Central | PDG Richard A. Pierce |
| A 2 | Pemberton | Peter Rennicks |
| B 2 | Seattle University Ballard | Colleen Morgan |
| B 3 | Seattle Lake City | Imogene Inglet |
| D 2 | Wenatchee Central | Ernie J. Richardson |
| D 5 | Moses Lake | James Turner |
| E 3 | Post Falls | John Criswell |
| F 3 | Dayton | Janice Agenbroad |
| F 3 | Dayton | Owen Agenbroad |
| F 6 | Benton City | Heather Duncan |
| F 8 | Lind | Rollie Bennett |
| G 3 | Hoquiam | Kenneth L. Johnson |
| G 3 | Willapa Harbor | Henry Orkney, Jr. |
| H 5 | Burquitlam | Lloyd Broadbent |
| H 5 | Burquitlam | Lawrence Fleming |
| H 7 | Coupeville | David R. Vaughan |
| H 7 | Coupeville | Ron G. Wilkinson |
| I 2 | Saanich | Dick Bossy |
| I 4 | C to Sea | John Lyttle |
| I 5 | Comox Valley Monarch | Dave Dyck |

Memorials for November, 2016

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| B 3 | Terrace Brier | Robert N. Peterson |
| B 3 | Terrace Brier | Marvel Wettland |
| D 5 | Quincy Valley | Coralie G. Morgan |
| D 7 | Westbank | Leonard T. Teeple |
| F 5 | Lewiston | Robert J. Beaubier |
| F 5 | Lewiston | Kenneth Ray |
| G 4 | Willapa Harbor | Larry D. Sinclair |
| H 3 | Fort Langley | Anna Woodward |
| H 7 | San Juan | Sam R. Buck |
| H 7 | San Juan | Ron Vincelle |
| I 1 | Port Angeles | Roger K. Stimbirt |
| I 5 | Comox Valley Monarch | Douglas Moeckl |

Special Donations

| 2016-2017 | LCIF | CARE |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Lions | | |
| 19-E District Donation Donna Flood | \$597.91 | |
| Lioness | | |
| 19-I Sooke District | | \$50.00 |

Vital Lions Information

Christmas Schedule for MD19

Office. The MD19 Office is closed December 23rd - January 2nd. The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 3, 2017. While closed, we will periodically respond to emails that have the MD19 Visitation Forms and candidate letters of Intent and Endorsements attached to them so that you will know that they have been received in the office by the deadline of December 31st.

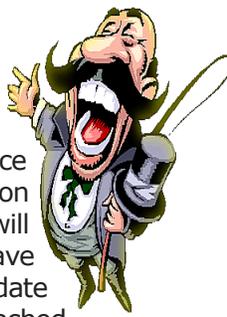
In mid-January the MD19 Office will be **emailing** out to the Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers the **MD19 Second Half Dues Statements**. If no email address is available, a hard copy will be sent to the Treasurer's address as it was recorded on the 2016-2017 Club Officer Report Form. If you do not receive a dues bill by the end of January, please contact the MD19 Office, so that we can confirm your email or mailing address and resend the bill. Dues for the second half are based on the membership total recorded on the WMMR due December 31, 2016, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

District Conferences / Conventions will begin the weekend of March 17th. It is important that the 2016-2017 First Half Dues have been paid prior to your conference or your voting Delegate(s) will be unable to vote. If you have not received a 2016-2017 First Half Dues statement, contact the MD19 Office for a copy immediately. Please confirm your club's correct contact information with the MD19 Office at the same time.

Voting at District Conferences. Elections will be held at each of the District Spring Conferences/Conventions for the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. Electing the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson at the District Conferences is the result of MD19 Constitution and By-Laws amendments passed at the 2016 Annual Convention. For this year only, elections will not be held for the Council Chairperson, because he was elected at the Annual Convention in Spokane. Delegates will be voting for the 2017-2018 Vice Council Chairperson. The ballot boxes containing the ballots for Vice Council Chairperson will remain sealed until all of the conferences/conventions have been held. After the close of the final conference/convention, all of the ballots will be counted at the same time.

Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone and District levels. Your letter of intent and your club's letter of endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor and your Zone Chairperson on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

Any Candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson. Your letter of Intent, your Club's Letter of Endorsement and **your Zone's Letter of Endorsement** must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and the Vice District Governor on or before De-



ember 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

Service Activities (SARs). Clubs should be reporting activities that are **performed as a group** by the club's members. These projects may involve one or more Lions clubs as well as Lion foundations and can include non-member volunteers from the community and staff from local businesses. The litmus test for a service activity is that it is **both club approved and administered by many members of that club**.

While it is wonderful that *individual* club members volunteer their time to local programs and Lions projects, these do not qualify as *club* events. The key word is "group".

Coats for Kids in Powell River

By Marilyn Brooks, Powell River Lions

In October, with cold weather approaching, those involved with "Coats for Kids and Families" busily collect donations for their annual Giveaway Day charity event, sponsored by the Powell River Lions Club, Westview Baptist Church and Salvation Army.

"We take anything that keeps people warm" says coordinator Marilyn Brooks, seen here on the right with volunteer Pat Myers. Marilyn is a Lion who works year-round distributing clothing through the Salvation Army and Community Resource Centre.



On Giveaway Day, families and individuals unable to purchase cold-weather clothing are invited to drop in and search for items to keep them warm during the winter. "Anyone in need of winter wear is welcome," says Brooks. "We have infant sizes all the way up to plus sizes for adults."

Brooks says there is an especially great need for footwear and men's items. "We go through a lot of men's wear," she says, "and people can't afford to buy shoes. As the cost of living goes up, the need is becoming greater." Currently, more than 2,000 items have been given annually, ten times the amount given away in 2006, the first year of the event.

"The very first year it was pouring rain and we had a young mom come in; her baby had an undershirt and a diaper on. That was it!" says Brooks. "He left all bundled up, because we had clothes for him."

For all the volunteers involved, helping people is the reward for their efforts. "On another occasion, a young mom confided, 'You have no idea how much this helps me. I have four children and I can't afford to clothe them.' That's why we do this, for people in genuine need."

Brooks says that poverty is not obvious in Powell River. People don't panhandle, so most residents are not aware of how many suffer. "Last year we had a gentleman who found some shoes and asked a checkout person for the garbage can," says Brooks. "He handed her his old shoes; they had no soles left."

Giveaway Day begins at 10am. The Kiwanis Club provides coffee and hot chocolate. By the end of the day, all the donations have gone out the door. We never have to pack anything up at the end.

Upcoming Special Events

Chilliwack Lions Club 70th Charter Anniversary

Saturday, February 18, 2017
5:00 PM – 11:00 PM ~ Cost \$25.00
Dinner, Entertainment, Door Prizes, Raffles
Mt. Cheam Lions Club Hall
45580 Spadina Ave., Chilliwack, B.C.
Guest Speaker: PID Don Shove
R.S.V.P. to mlange@smartt.com

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Recruiting an MD19 Membership Chairperson (Global Membership Team Coordinator)

MD19 Membership Chairperson Position will be open July 1, 2017. PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth is finishing her final year in a second three-year term. The new three-year term will be July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

If you wish to be considered for this position, the first step is to fill out the [application form](#) that is found on the MD19 Website under "Global Leadership and Membership Team". Deadline for submission is December 31, 2016. The current MD19 Membership Chairperson, with the support of the MD19 District Support Team, will recommend to the MD19 Council of Governors a Lion to fill this important position. The recommendation to the Council will be from among those who have submitted MD19 application forms. The MD19 Council of Governors will approve the appointment and then the name will be presented to the LCI Membership Chairperson for approval and signature.

If you feel that you have new ideas or tried-and-true methods for growing the membership of this outstanding Service Organization, please consider applying for this position. You will be working with the MD19 District Support Team, so being able to work as a team member is important. You will have many opportunities to share both your ideas for growth and the new ideas gleaned from others on paper and verbally. If this is a challenge that captures your interest and utilizes your talents, current MD19 Membership Chairperson Lion Laura Wintersteen-Arleth looks forward to hearing from you. Her email address is lionlaurawintersteen@gmail.com.

Funding of MD19 Border Crossing: Financial assistance has been provided this Lions Year to partially fund the MD19 newspaper, *The Border Crossing*, through a grant from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation. This is an example of your leadership dollars at work.

Tieton Lions Help Blind Children

Tieton Lions Club President, PDG Erma Kemp, is shown below presenting ten Baby Quilts to JaReda Webb of the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children for its "Birth to 3 Project". They are assisted by DeEtte Snyder, Outreach Director of the Washington State School for the Blind, and Scott McCallum, the School's Superintendent.

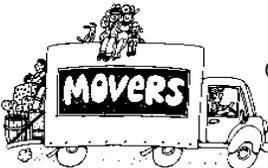


The Birth to 3 Program provides specialized services for infants and children who are diagnosed with visual impairments or blindness no matter where they live in the state. 80-90% of what a child learns in the first three years of life occurs through incidental learning facilitated by vision.

Children without vision learn to play, crawl and walk, to explore the world and build meaningful relationships with their families. However, they must do this differently because they are required to use their other senses to learn.

When a child can't see, toys are easily lost. The special quilts, made by Lion Zora Smith, each have small pockets on them to hold toys and stuffed animals. The soft toys are attached to the quilts by ribbons sewn into the quilt. Also donated were stands made of PVC pipe, donated by the Foothills Irrigation Company in Cowiche. Small toys are tied to the stand so the toys don't get lost while the children play with them. The material squares in the quilts were donated by local quilters.

With the help of special learning tools, such as the pocket blankets and stands, visually impaired children are able to reach their full early learning potential.



Mail "Moving Form" for the Border Crossing to
M.D.19 Lions Office, 4141 W Maplewood, Bellingham, WA 98226

Old Address (Print):
Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____
Street City State/Prov Zip/Postal Code

New Address (Print):
Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____
Street City State/Prov Zip/Postal Code





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MD19 2017 Calendar of Events

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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| MD19 Strategic Planning Meeting | West Langley Hall – Noon | February 17 |
| Winter Pre-Council Meeting | Langley, B.C. West Langley Hall | February 17 |
| Winter Council Meeting | Langley, B.C. West Langley Hall | February 18 |
| Chilliwack Lions 70th Charter Anniversary | Mt. Cheam Lions Hall | February 18** |
| Spring Conferences: | | |
| District 19-H | Quality Hotel, Abbotsford, B.C. | March 17-19 |
| District 19-D | Atrium Lodge, Vernon, B.C. | March 24-26 |
| District 19-F | Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla, WA | March 24-26 |
| District 19-C | Hotel RL by Red Lion, Olympia, WA | March 31-April 1 |
| District 19-A | Empire Landmark Hotel, Vancouver, BC | April 21-23 |
| District 19-I | Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, BC | April 21-23 |
| District 19-E | Fireside Inn, Castlegar, B.C. | April 29-30 |
| District 19-B | Red Lion, Renton, WA | May 5 – 6 |
| District 19-G | Shiloh Hotel, Ocean Shores, WA | May 19-20 |
| NW Lions Leadership Institute | Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego, OR | April 21-23 |
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** See Upcoming Special Events, page 15, for details



Remember back in the day when lots of us wore those big "ASK ME ABOUT LIONS CLUB" pins like this one? They were great conversation starters and could be again. Your club can design its own and have it made very inexpensively. All your members can have one, and even your new A-Frame can wear one in its lapel whenever it goes stepping out.



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The future depends on YOU!
Ask someone to become a Lion!